

GERMAN SENATORS IMPEACHED IN ITALY

Bank President and Buelow's Relative Accused of Treason on Seventy-two Charges

ROME, Feb. 25.—Senator Mangilli, the notorious pro-German president of the Italian Commercial Bank, which was created with Austro-German capital to finance Italy's dependence upon Germany, has been impeached for treason on seventy-two charges. Other Senators, including Police Comptroller, Von Buelow's brother-in-law, are implicated. The whole scandal is kept secret pending a decision whether to try the case before a military tribunal or in the Senate. Probably the case will be held in abeyance until after the war to avoid damaging revelations which might help the enemy. It has been learned from a member of the papal entourage that the Pope has expressed his gratitude to the Italian Government for withholding information concerning the espionage scandal in which the Austrian, Mr. Gerlach, recently dismissed, was implicated, and for not divulging the compromising correspondence which was sequestered by the police, thus averting an anti-clerical agitation and sparing the Pope from unjust suspicion. The Austro-German press is conducting a campaign to restore temporal power to the Pope, hoping to restrain the Pope from condemning submarine excesses. The actual declaration is that the Pope vigorously condemns submarine ruthlessness.

CHILDREN CAN'T STEAL RIDES; COPS ON WATCH

Drastic Step Necessary to Reduce Accidents—Jail for the Offenders

Drastic supervision by the police to stop accidents resulting from children stealing rides will henceforth be enforced, Director of Public Safety Wilson said today. Such a step is deemed necessary to reduce casualties to a minimum. The general order reads: "The numerous fatal accidents on the city streets of late, resulting from children stealing rides on the sides of and the rear of passenger railway cars, automobiles, trucks and other vehicles, are such as to demand the attention of every member of the Bureau of Police. You will at once stop any car or other vehicle on which children are stealing rides, arrest the offenders, charged with trespass, and send the children, if under sixteen years of age, to the House of Detention. If over sixteen years of age, send the prisoners to the station house."

Married Twenty-seven Years

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Antrim have been married twenty-seven years and will observe the anniversary with a quiet family dinner tonight. Mr. Antrim expects to spend the day at his office. He has long been known to the public through his enthusiastic fight in reform political circles in the Thirty-second Ward. He has served in Select Council. Mr. Antrim and Mrs. Antrim are both church workers and prominent in the affairs of the Park Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

Police Court Chronicle

A black cat is a bundle of bad luck. It spells trouble and carries gloom wherever it goes. At least that's how Howard Johns feels about it. Whenever such a feline crossed the path of Johns gloom of some kind usually followed. The last time Howard went to a hospital he remembered that a dark-complexioned feline had jumped in front of him just before the trip. "If Johns encountered such an animal on his way to work he always returned home rather than take any chances of trouble. Things were looking rosy for Howard, who is a rather sincere negro, as he walked and whistled along Haverford road. But as he neared Thirty-ninth street he felt something brush against his legs. He looked down. It was a black cat. Johns grabbed it by the tail and swung it around through the air. The cat was one of those midnight contrabands. It emitted a number of distressing notes in almost human voice. Policeman Ferguson heard the commotion and, drawing his revolver, hurried in the direction of the excitement. Johns was swinging the cat in Indian club fashion when the policeman neared him. A tap on the wrist with the club made him drop the animal, which fled toward Wilkes-Barre. "Ah nebbeh lets a black cat kum across na paff," said Johns when arraigned before Magistrate Stevenson. "cause it alluz made trubble." "Ten dollars fine," replied the Judge. Johns sent for his friends.

MARCELLE SEMMER'S BRAVERY WINS TWO FRENCH DECORATIONS

Joan of Arc of War Awarded Croix de Guerre and Legion d'Honneur

Floods Canal Against Germans, Holding Foe Back 24 Hours—Rescues Many

By HENRY BAZIN Special correspondent in France of the Evening Ledger

PARIS, Jan. 25. THIS is the unwritten story of Marcelle Semmer, a young woman of twenty-one years, and how it came to pass that among all the devoted and courageous members of her sex she is the only one to have been jointly decorated with the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre. She is, as well, the youngest woman in France to wear the latter and the youngest to wear the former. It was my privilege to shake her hand the other day in a Paris hospital, where she is at present acting as a nurse of "infirmiers." Marcelle Semmer is the daughter of an Alsatian who, in company with many of his countrymen, elected to emigrate to the land of his forefathers ere military age forced him to service in the German army. He became duly naturalized as a French subject, settled in the village of — on the Somme, where he met and married his wife, a native of Valenciennes. In this village Marcelle and her three brothers were born, and here they lived together after their parents' death as before. They were simple people, without great instruction, living a clean, sane life, after the manner of the great number of French provincials. One brother has given his life for France, another is in convalescence from a wound received before Verdun, and the third is in the army at Salonica. During the German invasion of 1914 the French endeavored to stop the enemy at Marcelle Semmer's native village, on the Somme, but being in greatly inferior numbers retreated across the river and an adjoining canal under heavy fire. Most of the inhabitants went with them, but Marcelle Semmer refused, because she had taken it upon herself to look after two aged women who were physically unable to leave their native hearths. After the French had crossed the canal, she opened wide the gates connecting it with the river, flooded the lowland between, locked the gates in position, and threw the keys into the canal. She did this under



MARCELLE SEMMER

heavy fire from German batteries to the rear. Her heroic act retarded for full twenty-four hours the advance of a full German army corps, the time necessary to construct a pontoon bridge over the wide space occupied by the river, the canal and the flooded land between. When after the delay imposed upon them by the courage of a single peasant woman of France, the Germans entered the village of —, they arrested the Mayor and several aged citizens as hostages after questioning all the food and supplies available. But Marcelle Semmer, who had taken refuge in a cellar with her two aged charges and nine other un-armed people, knew where among the homes of her neighbors smoked and preserved food was to be found. All day she lay with her little company in hiding, but at night she sallied forth to enter other cellars and put her hand in the dark upon supplies with which to sustain her companions. During these perilous journeys she found and escorted to her cellar seven wounded French soldiers, giving their

wounds such care as she could with the means at her command. And in addition, she aided sixteen individual soldiers to pass the German pickets and escape to their own lines, a few kilometers away. Upon the ninth night, as she was carrying food to a soldier who lay in a thicket with a broken leg, she was surprised by a German patrol, her wounded protégé bayoneted, and she was taken before the German commander, where after a short interrogation, she was condemned to death. Before sentence was passed, and as she was asked to say whatever she would, she answered: "This man you have killed is not the first of my countrymen I have aided and tried to save. I have helped sixteen out of your clutches, and each is sound and bearing arms against you. And you can do with me as you will. I am an orphan and have no other mother but France. It will not tell you where I have been hiding. Also, it was I who locked the gates and threw the keys in the canal."

The next morning as she was being led to a wall against which she was to be shot a salvo of shells killed four of her would-be executioners, and the rest fled out of range, abandoning her. She immediately went, under fire from the guns of her France, in search of food for her charges, "who were hungry, as they had not received their simple cold dinner." Shortly afterward the French retook the village, took in ruins. But there she stayed, aiding where she could, cooking and helping, doing all in her power for her charges, one of whom died in her arms from old age amid the sound of shell and strain. One day while succoring a wounded soldier she received a slight wound in the shoulder. For many months she continued her devotion, long after December 11, 1914, when she was decorated by General — with the Cross of the Legion and the Cross of War. After the great offensive began upon the Somme her village passed from a French to an English "sector." She stayed on, nevertheless, doing for the English that

which she had done for the French. After noting her devotion and hearing her history of heroism, the English commander rendered her public homage in an order of the day forbidding that she be spoken to unless she first addressed, and commanding she be given an officer's salute by whomsoever in uniform that crossed her daily path. Six months ago she came to Paris, where she entered upon her present hospital work. This brave young French woman is modest and pleasing in appearance, of regular features, with luxurious brown hair and dark-brown eyes. She would not talk about herself, although she blushingly confirmed this story, which I obtained from others. "That which I have done is nothing," she said. "I am French, and it was in my blood to do. Thousands and thousands of my countrywomen would have gladly done the same 'pour la Patrie.'"

WAR EXPERT CALLS FOR UNIVERSAL DRILL

E. Alexander Powell Scores Congressmen Who Fear Constituents' Views WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—At the request of the advisory commission of the Council for National Defense, E. Alexander Powell, author and war correspondent, spoke at Continental Memorial Hall on the military lessons of the great war and advocated universal military service for the United States. The lecture was delivered in connection with the exhibition of 2,000 feet of films taken by military photographers, under the direction of the General Staff of the French Army and loaned by the French Government. The audience was

composed of Government officials, army and navy officers and diplomats. "A member of the House of Representatives told me yesterday," said Mr. Powell, "that he would commit political suicide were he to vote for universal service at this time. To vote for it may be political suicide to vote against it will be wholesale murder the first time you have to send your untrained boys out to defend you from the trained and schooled invader." I replied, "Then perhaps you will regret that you did not risk political suicide in order to avoid murder."

Pleasantville Pastors to Leave Pleasantville, N. J., Feb. 28.—has been announced that there will be changes in the three Methodist Episcopal churches here at the conference, which meets in Atlantic City in two weeks. The Rev. J. W. Nickelson, of the Wesley Church, will be appointed pastor of the First Church, Gloucester City. The Rev. John H. Price, of Bethany Church, has asked for a change and probably will be appointed to a circuit. The Rev. Wright Eckerley, of Salem Church, will retire.

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